

MORGAN COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY

April 10, 2023

Be it remembered that a Morgan County Legislative Session was begun and held in the town of Wartburg, Tennessee on the 10th day of April 2023. The Honorable Brian Langley was present and presiding.

Deputy CJ Porter called the session to order.

The following members were present:

DJ Currier, Vera Scarbrough, Fred Snow, David Hennessee, Vernon Justes, Bobby Gibson, Susie Kreis, Doug Vespie, Melissa Bryant, Gary Kennedy, Rick Plank, Janet Adkisson, Eli Anderson, Debbie Lively, Randy Roberts and Steve Walls

Absent were: Terry Jackson and Kenneth Morgan

Also present: Morgan County Clerk Cheryl Collins where and when the following had and entered to wit:

Invocation was led by EMS Director Doug Laymance

Pledge of Allegiance was led by EMS Director Doug Laymance

Chairman Langley Executive Report:

Chamber of Commerce Meeting

Three-star Webinar

Solid Waste Meeting

Visitors Center reconstruction

Coalfield Park & Recreation

Leadership Meeting

Animal Advocacy Meeting

TN State Treasury (Length of Service)

Fire Watch completion

ETHRA – Mold Clean up

Storm Damage in Sunbright

Steering Committee Meeting

Citizens Comments:

Gary Kennedy – Commissioner wanted to thank Ethan Webb and his work with all the emergency services during the Sunbright tornado.

Ethan Webb – EMA Director – wanted to thank everyone involved in the Tornado in Sunbright everyone worked well together, and he just wanted to acknowledge the people involved.

#1 – Approval of Minutes and Financial Statements

Motion made by Commissioner Roberts and seconded by Commissioner Justes to approve the March 13, 2022, minutes.

Motion passed unanimously (16/0)

#2 – Notaries – Amanda Best, Tammy Davis, Ruth Fadnek, Dwayne Johnson, Herbert Justice

Motion made by Commissioner Scarbrough to approve the aforementioned notaries applicants; Commissioner Bryant seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

Executive Langley asked Seth Stewart to explain about the Youth Leadership program. Seth stated that they began the program again this year and only had a few applicants, this program is to introduce high school seniors to the community and how government works at the local level. He introduced 1 student that attended the meeting – Alex Buchanan. She addressed the commission with all that she learned this year.

#3 – Motion – Animal Advocacy Committee Appointment

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to appoint Gary Kennedy to the Animal Advocacy Committee in place of Terry Jackson (he does not want to participate), Commissioner Plank seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

#4 – Resolution – Honoring Yvonne Reese

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve the Resolution Honoring the life of Yvonne Reese of the Sheriff's Department, it honors all her years of service as well as the kind of person she was with the staff as well as the inmates., Commissioner Lively seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

#5 – Proclamation – Child Abuse Prevention Month

Commissioner Kennedy made a motion to approve the Proclamation for April being the Child Abuse Prevention Month, Commissioner Scarbrough seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

#6 – Proclamation – Organ Donor Awareness Month

Commissioner Bryant made a motion to the Proclamation for April to be Organ Donor Awareness Month, Commissioner Kreis seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

Budget Committee

#7 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-23 – Chancery Court

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-23 Chancery Court in the amount of \$109.74 for purchase of Microsoft 365, Commissioner Justes seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

#8 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-25 – County Buildings

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-25 County Buildings in the amount of \$9,027.98 for insurance recovery, Commissioner Kennedy seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

#9 – Motion – Budget Amendment 171-1 – American Rescue Plan

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 171-1 American Rescue Plan in the amount of \$43,865.00 for moving money into appropriate accounts, Commissioner Justes seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

#10 – Motion – Budget Amendment 171-2 – American Rescue Plan

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 171-2 American Rescue Plan in the amount of \$12,000.00 for moving money into appropriate accounts, Commissioner Kennedy seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (16/0)

Commissioner Roberts explained that the amendment of \$43,865.00 is to help with the cost overrun on the EMS building in Sunbright of \$17,102.99, ETHRA roof - \$4,120.10 and the balance of \$26,067.91 to go back into the ARP funds savings.

Animal Advocacy Committee

Commissioner Bryant stated that they held a meeting on March 16 and was a well-attended meeting with the public concerning animal controls in Morgan County. Commissioner Bryant stated that the main concerns were an officer for Animal Control and a spay/neuter clinic. They will be working on measurement and cost estimates for the clinic. Commissioner Bryant stated that she would like to see some guidelines on animal control in Morgan County. The next meeting will be April 13.

Solid Waste

Commissioner Lively stated that they elected officers and a zoom meeting with Tim Hendrick of ETDD. He stated that the diversion rate is 58.2% which is excellent.

There being no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Roberts made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Kreis seconded.

Meeting Schedule

Animal Advocacy Meeting	-Thursday – April 13 6:00 pm
Budget Meeting	-Monday – May 8 - 6:00 pm
Commission Meeting	-Monday – May 8 - 7:00 pm